

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

A complete listing of the claims is as follows:

Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) An aquatic sports garment comprising:

an outer layer, layer;

at least one multi-layered zone comprising at least the outer layer and an underlying layer ~~which,~~ made of an elastic material;

in at least one a protective zone, adapted to be arranged opposite at least one joint of a wearer of the garment, the underlying layer lines the skin of the wearer in an elastically deformable manner so as to protect the skin ~~it~~ from contact with the outer layer, ~~wherein~~ layer;

the underlying layer comprising ~~comprises~~ a fixing zone, ~~zone whereby it is the~~ underlying layer being fixed directly or indirectly to the outer layer in the fixing zone and, and ~~wherein,~~ at least in the protective zone, the outer layer and underlying layer being two layers ~~are~~ free from one another.

Claim 2. (*Currently Amended*) A garment according to claim 1, wherein the underlying layer is fixed directly on an ~~the~~ inner surface of the outer layer.

Claim 3. (*Original*) A garment according to claim 1, wherein the underlying layer is fixed on an intermediary piece inserted between the underlying layer and the outer layer.

Claim 4. (*Currently Amended*) A garment according to claim 1, wherein the underlying layer is in the form of a yoke, and wherein the fixing zone is arranged on the edges of the yoke.

Claim 5. (*Currently Amended*) A garment according to claim 1, wherein the at least one protective zone of the underlying layer is arranged opposite one or more of the following joints of the wearer: a joint of the user, such as elbows, knees, shoulders, crotch.

Claim 6. (*Original*) A garment according to claim 1, wherein the underlying layer has characteristics of comfort.

Claim 7. (*Currently Amended*) A garment according to claim 1, wherein ~~the perimeter of the underlying layer,~~ layer comprises a perimeter forming the fixing zone for fixing said underlying layer on the outer layer, said perimeter of the underlying layer being is substantially identical to a the perimeter of the outer layer demarcating a bending zone, the bending zone comprising a ~~whereas the development surface of the bending zone of the outer layer layer, said development surface of the outer layer being~~ is larger than a the development surface of the protective zone of the underlying layer, so as to create a looseness of the outer layer with respect to the underlying layer to facilitate movement the movements while eliminating the constraints on the user's skin of the wearer.

Claim 8. (*Currently Amended*) A garment according to claim 1, wherein the underlying layer is made of a thin, elastic and non-folding material, so that the underlying layer ~~it~~ lays flat against the skin of the wearer ~~a user~~ in order to protect the skin ~~it~~ when the garment is worn by the wearer ~~user~~, and to accompany all of ~~his~~ movements of the wearer.

Claim 9. (*Original*) A garment according to claim 4, wherein the constituent material of the yoke is Lycra.

Claim 10. (*Original*) A garment according to claim 1, wherein the underlying layer is fixed on the outer layer by heat sealing.

Claim 11. (*Original*) A garment according to claim 1, wherein the outer layer has characteristics of strength, insulation and water-tightness.

Claim 12. (*Original*) A garment according to claim 11, wherein the constituent material of the outer layer is neoprene.

Claim 13. (*Original*) A garment according to claim 11, wherein the constituent material of the outer layer is jersey associated with neoprene.

Claim 14. (*Currently Amended*) A garment according to claim 1, wherein the outer layer comprises functional folds obtained by a previous thermoforming operation, in order to procure more ease when the folds ~~they~~ spread during a movement.

Claim 15. (*New*) A garment according to claim 1, wherein both the outer layer and the underlying layer extend throughout said at least one protective zone.

Claim 16. (*New*) A garment according to claim 15, wherein the outer layer is movable relative to the underlying layer throughout said protective zone.

Claim 17. (*New*) A garment according to claim 1, wherein both the outer layer and the underlying layer, in each of said at least one protective zone, extend throughout said at least one protective zone.

Claim 18. (*New*) A garment according to claim 17, wherein, throughout each of said at least one protective zone, the outer layer is movable relative to the underlying layer.

Claim 19. (*New*) A garment according to claim 1, wherein the underlying layer is fixed on the outer layer by at least one heat seal.

Claim 20. (*New*) A garment according to claim 1, wherein the outer layer comprises functional folds lying above the underlying layer, the underlying layer adapted to lie flat against the skin of the wearer.